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This regards:

Docket Number 98 N - 1038, irradiation in the preparation, processing,
and handling of food.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the FDA,

As a concerned citizen, I strongly recommend that you consider labeling all foods that are irradiated with a large, and readily visible and intelligible label indicating such treatment. It is necessary and fair.

People should be readily informed, those that have not the time to read the "fine print" when making important everyday choices about what they eat.

Food irradiation affects the quality of the food, and I would prefer that food preparation be held to higher standards of cleanliness. However, if you feel that irradiation is necessary, I think it is imperative that the labeling be clear, immediately recognizable, and unmistakable, so people can choose for themselves what they want.

Thank you for your time.



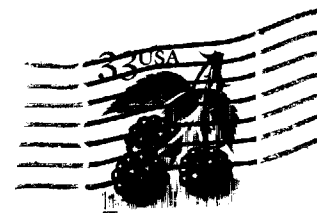
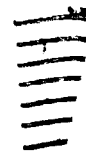
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